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Dear Fellow Mentor,

We are writing today to say thank you and to talk to you about the 99 percent. First, thank you for being a stable and caring adult in the life of a child. Thank you for making our state a better place for kids to grow up. Thank you for accepting the gift and the challenge of being a mentor.

We know and appreciate the commitment of time and energy you made when you decided to become a mentor, for both of us are mentors, too. We trust your experience with mentoring has been as valuable as ours. Not only are we touching the lives of Brittney and Chrissean, our mentees, but we know how they continue to enrich our lives as well.

Now, about that 99 percent. We expect that you, like us, belong to the 99 percent. Research shows that 99 percent of those who have participated in formal mentoring programs would recommend it to others. And along with our thanks, that is what we are asking you to do . . . recommend it to others.

During January, National Mentoring Month, we invite you to encourage your friends and family members to become mentors, too. They can get connected with the mentoring program where you serve. It is easy – no matter where you live – to find a place to mentor by visiting the Mentor Michigan web site at www.mentormichigan.org and clicking on "Be A Mentor." Or you can call **1-800-VOLUNTEER**.

You are changing the world, two lives at a time – a child's and your own. Why not go from changing two lives to six or eight by making it a personal goal to recruit three or four new mentors for children who are crying out for support.

Again, thank you for the great work you are doing.

Sincerely.

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